IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:		)
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Applicant	: **Roberto Fagnani et al.**	)
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Appl. No.	: **10/054,728**	)
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Filed	: **October 25, 2001**	)
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Title	: **THREE DIMENSIONAL FORMAT BIOCHIPS**	)
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TC/A.U.	: **1639**	)
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Examiner	: **My-Chau T. Tran**	)
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Customer No.	: 22242	)
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Conf. No.	: 3521	)

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed on July 5, 2006, to which the shortened statutory period for response is being extended to expire on January 5, 2007, and for which a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being contemporaneously filed, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be amended as follows. Amendments to the claims begin on page 2. Remarks begin on page 9.